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Please insert the following text into the specification before the paragraph heading "1.

INTRODUCTION" on line 10 of page 1:

**--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is a continuation of International Patent Application Ser. No. PCT/US02/26454, filed February 19, 2003, and published in English as WO03/016499 on February 27, 2003, which claims priority as a continuation-in-part of United States Patent Appl. Ser. No. 09/933,115, filed August 20, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entireties.

Please insert the paper copy of the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith into the instant specification after the Abstract of the Disclosure on p. 56. The Sequence Listing thus becomes pp. 57-65 of the specification.